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TO RUCSBR/SAC OFFUTT AFB, OMAHA, NEB

28 AUG 1963

RUCVAB/4080 STRAT WG, OL 19, BARKSDALE AFB, LA

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RUECYG/NAVY PIC

RUWBKG/15TH AF, MARCH AFB, RIVERSIDE, CALIF

RUWGAA/2D RTS, BARKSDALE AFB, LA

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15TH AF (FOR DI); SAC (FOR DIM, BRASS KNOB, DOCR, DM 4), 2D AF
(FOR DI). FROM NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER.

1. CAMERA B-15 WAS USED IN MISSION 3700 FLOWN ON 24 AUGUST 1963;
PROCESSING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY NAVY PIC.

2. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE:

A. THE EXPOSURE WAS ADEQUATE AND THE RESOLUTION IS GOOD.

B. 9R SIDE: THERE IS A WIRE-LIKE OBSTRUCTION, ADJACENT TO
THE CLOCK, ON FRAME 1679. THERE IS AN OBSTRUCTION 0.05" X 0.2"
AT THE OUTBOARD EDGE, 1.0" TOWARD THE TAKE-UP END AS MEASURED
FROM THE FIDUCIAL NEAREST THE TAKE-UP END ON EACH FRAME THROUGH-
OUT THE MISSION. A HEAVY FOG IS PRESENT BETWEEN FRAMES 2151 AND
2152, WHICH BLEEDS INTO THE IMAGE AREA OF EACH OF THESE FRAMES.
THERE IS A TOTAL OF 2204 FRAMES ON THIS SIDE OF THE MISSION.

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C. 9L SIDE: FINE OUTBOARD EDGE FOG IS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. FRAMES 556 AND 1028 HAVE IDENTICAL FOG PATCHES, EACH BEING APPROXIMATELY 2" X 2" EXTENDING INTO THE FORMAT FROM THE OUTBOARD EDGE, APPROXIMATELY 5" FROM THE TRAILING END OF THE FRAME. THE FILM METERING IS SLIGHTLY ERRATIC THROUGHOUT THE FIRST PORTION OF THE MISSION AND IS VERY ERRATIC THROUGHOUT THE LAST 600 FRAMES. MISTRACKING BEGINS ON FRAME 1088 (TOWARD THE OUTBOARD EDGE) IS INTERMITTENT AND BECOMES PROGRESSIVELY WORSE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE MISSION. SEVERE EMULSION SCRATCHES PARALLEL TO AND NEAR THE OUTBOARD EDGE ARE NUMEROUS AFTER FRAME 1340. THE MOST PERSISTENT OF THESE SCRATCHES IS 0.1" FROM THE OUTBOARD EDGE. NUMEROUS ASSORTED, FUZZY, MINUS DENSITY STREAKS EXTENDING INWARD, DIAGONALLY FROM THE OUTBOARD EDGE ARE IN EVIDENCE INTERMITTENTLY AFTER FRAME 1341. WHEN THESE STREAKS EXTEND OUT OF THE IMAGE AREA THEY APPEAR AS A PLUS DENSITY STREAK. THE PROBABILITY IS THAT THIS WAS CAUSED BY A PIECE OF FOREIGN MATERIAL ACTING AS AN OBSTRUCTION DURING EXPOSURE AND ALSO REFLECTING AN IMAGE ON AN AREA WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNEXPOSED. ASSOCIATED WITH THESE STREAKS ARE SEVERAL EMULSION SCRATCHES TRAILING FROM EACH STREAK. FRAME 1677, THE LAST OF THE MISSION, IS HEAVILY FOGGED AND CUT IN HALF. THIS AGENCY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT A CAMERA MALFUNCTION DESTROYED ALL OF THE FILM BEYOND THIS POINT.

D. THERE WERE NO MAJOR PROCESSING MALFUNCTIONS.

3. POSITIVE:

A. PI SUITABILITY IS GOOD. PRINTING AND PROCESSING WERE GOOD.

B. CLOUDS OBSCURE OR IMPAIR APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF THIS MISSION.

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END OF MESSAGE

(ABOUT MSG ALSO PASSED TO CIA WATCH ASP/RR)